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### TEGA CAY WATER SERVICE, INC.

#### SCHEDULE OF **PROPOSED** RATES AND CHARGES

### I. WATER

### 1. CHARGE FOR WATER DISTRIBUTION ONLY

Where water is purchased from a government body or agency or other entity for distribution by the Company, the following rates apply:

## Residential

Base Facilities Charge per single family house, condominium, mobile home or apartment unit:

**\$8.72** per unit\*

Commodity charge:

**\$2.09** per 1,000 gallons or 134 cft

\*Residential customers with meters of 1" or larger will be charged commercial rate

#### Commercial

**Base Facilities Charge** 

**\$8.72** per single family equivalent

(SFE)

Commodity Charge:

**\$2.09** per 1,000 gallons or 134 cft

The Utility will also charge for the cost of water purchased from the government body or agency, or other entity. The charges imposed or charged by the government body or agency, or other entity providing the water supply will be charged to the Utility's affected customers on a pro rata basis without markup. Where the Utility is required by regulatory authority with jurisdiction over the Utility to interconnect to the water supply system of a government body or agency or other entity and tap/connection/impact fees are imposed by that entity, such tap/connection/impact fees will also be charged to the Utility's affected customers on a pro rata basis, without markup.

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Commercial customers are those not included in the residential category above and include, but are not limited to hotels, stores, restaurants, offices, industry, etc.

The Utility will, for the convenience of the owner, bill a tenant in a multi-unit building, consisting of four or more residential units, which is served by a master water meter or a single water connection. However, in such cases all arrearages must be satisfied before service will be provided to a new tenant or before interrupted service will be restored. Failure of an owner to pay for services rendered to a tenant in these circumstances may result in service interruptions.

When, because of the method of water line installation utilized by the developer or owner, it is impractical to meter each unit separately, service will be provided through a single meter, and consumption of all units will be averaged; a bill will be calculated based on that average and the result multiplied by the number of units served by a single meter.

2. Nonrecurring Charges

Tap Fees \$600.00 per SFE\*

- 3. Account Set-Up, Reconnection Charges
  - a. Customer Account Charge for new customers only \$30.00
  - b. Reconnection Charges: In addition to any other charges that may be due, a reconnection fee of **forty** (\$40.00) **dollars** shall be due prior to the Utility reconnecting service which has been disconnected for any reason set forth in Commission Rule R.103-732.5. Customers who ask to be reconnected within nine months of disconnection will be charged the monthly base facility charge for the service period they were disconnected. The reconnection fee shall also be due prior to reconnection if water service has been disconnected at the request of the customer.
- 4. Other Services

Fire Hydrant -

**\$135.48** per hydrant

per year for water service payable in advance.

5. Billing Cycle/Late Payment

Recurring charges will be billed monthly in arrears. Nonrecurring charges will be billed and collected in advance of service being provided. Any balance unpaid within twenty-five (25) days of the billing date shall be assessed a late payment charge of one and one-half (1.5%) percent for each month or any part of a month that said payment remains unpaid.

# 6. Extension of Utility Service Lines and Mains

The Utility shall have no obligation at its expense to extend its utility service lines or mains in order to permit any customer to connect to its water system. However, anyone or any entity which is willing to pay all costs associated with extending an appropriately sized and constructed main or utility service line from his/her/its premises to any appropriate connection point, to pay the appropriate fees and charges set forth in this rate schedule, and comply with the guidelines and standards hereof, shall not be denied service, unless water supply is unavailable or unless the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control or other government entity has restricted the Utility from adding for any reason additional customers to the serving water system. In no event will the Utility be required to construct additional water supply capacity to serve any customer or entity without an agreement acceptable to the Utility first having been reached for the payment of all costs associated with adding water supply capacity to the affected water system.

## 7. Cross Connection Inspection Fee

Any customer installing, permitting to be installed, or maintaining any cross connection between the Utility's water system and any other non-public water system, sewer or a line from any container of liquids or other substances, must install an approved back-flow prevention device in accordance with 24A S.C. Code Ann. Regs. R.61-58.7.F (Supp. 2008), as may be amended from time to time. Such a customer shall annually have such cross connection inspected by a licensed certified tester and provide to Utility a copy of a written inspection report and testing results submitted by the certified tester in accordance with 24A S.C. Code Ann. Regs. R.61-58.7.F (Supp. 2008), as may be amended from time to time. Said report and results must be provided by the customer to the Utility no later than June 30th of each year. If a customer fails to comply with the requirement to perform annual inspections, the Utility may, after 30 days' written notice, disconnect water service. The Utility will provide customers a 30-day advance written notice of the recurring annual date when the customer must have their backflow prevention device tested by a licensed, certified tester.

# 8. Electronic Billing and Electronic Payment

If requested by the customer in writing and within the capability of the Utility, the Utility may, in lieu of mailing a paper copy, provide an electronic bill to the customer on the Utility's website. The electronic bill shall contain the same content and be presented in the same or a similar format as a bill delivered to the customer pursuant to Commission Rule R. 103-732.2 (Supp. 2008) as may be amended from time to time. The Utility will provide customers a monthly electronic notice via email of the bill statement availability and the web address of its location to those customers selecting to receive bills electronically.

\*A Single Family Equivalent (SFE) shall be determined by using the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control Guidelines for Unit Contributory

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Loadings for Domestic Wastewater Treatment Facilities -- 25 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 61-67 Appendix A (Supp. 2005), as may be amended from time to time. Where applicable, such guidelines shall be used for determination of the appropriate monthly service and tap fee.

### II. SEWER

# 1. Monthly Charges

Residential - charge per single-family house, condominium, villa, mobile home or apartment unit:

**\$61.30** per unit

Commercial:

**\$61.30** per SFE\*

Commercial customers are those not included in the residential category above and include, but are not limited to, hotels, stores, restaurants, offices, industry, etc.

The Utility will also charge for treatment services provided by the government body or agency, or other entity. The rates imposed or charged by the government body or agency, or other entity providing treatment, will be charged to the Utility's affected customers on a pro rata basis, without markup. Where the Utility is required under the terms of a 201/208 Plan, or by other regulatory authority with jurisdiction over the Utility, to interconnect to the sewage treatment system of a government body or agency or other entity and tap/connection/impact fees are imposed by that entity, such tap/connection/impact fees will be charged to the Utility's affected customers on a pro rata basis, without markup.

The Utility will, for the convenience of the owner, bill a tenant in a multi-unit building, consisting of four or more residential units, which is served by a master sewer meter or a single sewer connection. However, in such cases all arrearages must be satisfied before service will be provided to a new tenant or before interrupted service will be restored. Failure of an owner to pay for services rendered to a tenant in these circumstances may result in service interruptions.

### 2. Nonrecurring Charges

Tap Fees (which includes sewer service connection charges and capacity charges)

**\$1,200.00** per SFE\*

The nonrecurring charges listed above are minimum charges and apply even if the equivalency rating of a non residential customer is less than one (1). If the equivalency rating of a non residential customer is greater than one (1), then the proper charge may be obtained by multiplying the equivalency rating by the appropriate fee. These charges apply and are due at the time new service is applied for, or at the time connection to the sewer system is requested.

### 3. Notification, Account Set-Up and Reconnection Charges

#### a. Notification Fee

A fee of **fifteen** (\$15.00) **dollars** shall be charged each customer to whom the Utility mails the notice as required by the Commission Rule R. 103-535.1 prior to service being discontinued. This fee assesses a portion of the clerical and mailing costs of such notices to the customers creating the cost.

b. Customer Account Charge - for new customers only.

A fee of **twenty-five** (\$25.00) **dollars** shall be charged as a one-time fee to defray the costs of initiating service. This charge will be waived if the customer is also a water customer.

c. Reconnection Charges: In addition to any other charges that may be due, a reconnection fee of **two hundred fifty** (\$250.00) **dollars** shall be due prior to the Utility reconnecting service which has been disconnected for any reason set forth in Commission Rule R.103-532.4.

# 4. Billing Cycle

Recurring charges will be billed monthly, in arrears. Nonrecurring charges will be billed and collected in advance of service being provided.

5. Extension of Utility Service Lines and Mains

The Utility shall have no obligation at its expense to extend its utility service lines or mains in order to permit any customer to discharge acceptable wastewater into one of its sewer systems. However, anyone or any entity which is willing to pay all costs associated with extending an appropriately sized and constructed main or utility service line from his/her/its premises to an appropriate connection point, to pay the appropriate fees and charges set forth in this rate schedule and to comply with the guidelines and standards hereof, shall not be denied service, unless treatment capacity is unavailable or unless the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control or other government entity has restricted the Utility from adding for any reason additional customers to the serving sewer system. In no event will the Utility be required to construct additional wastewater treatment capacity to serve any customer or entity without an agreement acceptable to the Utility first having been reached for the payment of all costs associated with adding wastewater treatment capacity to the affected sewer system.

### 6. Toxic and Pretreatment Effluent Guidelines

The Utility will not accept or treat any substance or material that has been defined by the United States Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") or the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control ("DHEC") as a toxic pollutant, hazardous waste, or hazardous substance, including pollutants falling within the provisions of 40 CFR 129.4 and 401.15. Additionally, pollutants or pollutant properties

subject to 40 CFR 403.5 and 403.6 are to be processed according to the pretreatment standards applicable to such pollutants or pollutant properties, and such standards constitute the Utility's minimum pretreatment standards. Any person or entity introducing any such prohibited or untreated materials into the Company's sewer system may have service interrupted without notice until such discharges cease, and shall be liable to the Utility for all damages and costs, including reasonable attorney's fees, incurred by the Utility as a result thereof.

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If requested by the customer in writing and within the capability of the Utility, the Utility may, in lieu of mailing a paper copy, provide an electronic bill to the customer on the Utility's website. The electronic bill shall contain the same content and be presented in the same or a similar format as a bill delivered to the customer pursuant to Commission Rule R. 103-532.1 (Supp. 2008) as may be amended from time to time. The Utility will provide customers a monthly electronic notice via email of the bill statement availability and the web address of its location to those customers selecting to receive bills electronically.

\*A Single Family Equivalent (SFE) shall be determined by using the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control Guidelines for Unit Contributory Loading for Domestic Wastewater Treatment Facilities -- 25 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 61-67 Appendix A (Supp. 2005), as may be amended from time to time. Where applicable, such guidelines shall be used for determination of the appropriate monthly service and tap fee.